

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CUSTOMIZABLE NETWORK DATA RETRIEVAL

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

5 A director (104) is provided to a user at a client
(102) by a sponsor, such as a corporation. The
corporation has customized a border portion (200), a
display portion (202) and a site list (122) associated
with the director to present predetermined information to
the user. The director provides web browsing
10 capabilities to the user using services (12) provided by
an operating system (14). The director displays a web
page associated with a first site (150) in the site list.
The director may also be used to collect network
performance statistics between the client and a remote
15 site (17). A web page loaded in response to selecting a
uniform resource locator associated with the first web
site is filtered by a filter module (112) to remove links
listed as forbidden by site criteria (120) and then
displayed to the user in the display portion. One or
20 more items of content (420) may be generated by the users
of the director and distributed by a channel server (108)
to other users. The channel server uses a unique
identifier (116) associated with each director and a
subscriber database (404) to determine which directors to
25 send the content to. An identifier module (400) and an
identifier database (402) are used by the channel in
cooperation with a channel module (406) and a
distribution module (408) to distribute the content to
the directors.

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